

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
Jay Stovall, Commissioner, via telephone

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(162) In the matter of T-03.6.ST; On January 27, 2003 Louis (Pat) Bibeau dba PS Limo Service, Havre, Montana filed an application for transfer of PSC No. 9433 to Rod Rick dba PS Limo Service, Havre, Montana. The transfer was noticed to the public on February 7, 2003 and there were no protests.

Class B – Passengers in limousine service between all points and places in Blaine, Chouteau, Hill, Liberty, Phillips and Toole Counties. LIMITATION: Transportation of railroad crews is prohibited.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(163) In the matter of T-03.10.RI; On March 11, 2003 Butte Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce, Butte, Montana, PSC No. 3601, applied for a rate increase to its passenger fares. The increase raises adult fares from \$5 to \$6 and child fares from \$2.50 to \$3.50. The rate increase was noticed to the public on March 26, 2003 and is scheduled to become effective on April 24, 2003, there were no protests filed.

SUB A Class B - Passengers between all points and places within a 10 mile radius of the federal building located in Butte, Montana. Limitations: Carrier is limited to transportation between April 1 and November 1 of each year.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the rate increase. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(164) In the matter of TN2181; Kenneth A. VanderVen dba Lewistown Transfer & Storage Company, Lewistown, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 1122 to Jason J. Larson dba Lewistown Transfer, Lewistown, Montana for a one year period April 23, 2003 to April 23, 2004.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) between all points in the State of Montana over any public highways.

SUB A Class C - Property in the City of Lewistown, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB B Class C - Property within the City of Lewistown, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of property between points served by rail carriers is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the continuation of the lease. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(165) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 14, 2003. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett, Joel Tierney

(166) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's Maintenance Plan, Docket No. D2002.12.159; Commissioner Schneider moved to continue formal discussion with NorthWestern Energy and proceed on with the maintenance plan on tree trimming. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(167) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy West Montana's Natural Gas Rate Case, Docket No. D2002.9.120; Commissioner Jergeson moved to appoint Commissioner Schneider as hearings examiner. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, April 24, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

Commissioner Schneider was absent and did not leave a written vote with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Steve Vick, Martin Jacobson

(168) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of public comment periods at Commission meetings; Commissioner Brainard moved to provide a public comment period at the start of the business meeting. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Schneider who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

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